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Cuchaq Horde

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Cuchaq horde crossing a river

The Cuchaq Horde was what the riders of the [Cuchaqs](#) tribes were called when organized. While they never conquered another nation and never were a nation themselves, this page serves as chronological about the military history of the Cuchaq. Due to their metal masks they were also referred to as the faceless horde.

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Cuchaq "Faceless Horde"



General Information

Variation(s) The Silver Horde

Status Loose Horde

Ruler Cuchaq Khan

Governmental Information

Head of State Cuchaq Khan

Head of Government Cuchaq Khan

Commander-in-chief Cuchaq Khan

Societal Information

Official Language Cuchaq language

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Demonym Horselords, Barbarian Horde,
The faceless riders

Religion Ancestor worship



National Emblems ☈

The symbol that many of the Cuchaq riders had on their banners and/or shields was the legendary tree *Dünya-ağacı*. Often individual clans also had their own symbols, which were often displayed alongside the hollow tree.

Clans ☈

The fundamental unit of Cuchaq society is the family, made up of blood relatives. A group of families formed a clan, led by a war chief (later renamed into Khan). A typical Cuchaq clan was named after an object, animal, or a leader of the clan. Clans usually had distant blood ties to one another, conflict was usually solved through contests rather than killing and often daughters of war chiefs / Khans were married off to strengthen bonds and avoid tension.

Many Clans exist, but only those that have historical significance will be explained further here.

Küzebkə ☈

The Küzebkə (from *küz*, strength).

Mingüzur ☈

The Mingüzur are the most infamous of the Cuchaq clans, at least in and around Kilan-Tal. They are, in essence, slave lords - having started conflict with other Clans, the Kilan, The Migwesk and Vran with the final goal not being conquest but new merchandize to sell on slave markets. They were not above selling fellow Cuchaqs to the Kilan or the Ofieri, when the opportunity arose.

Baraq ♂

Byawut ♂

Keyyit ♂

Orungüü ♂

Meaning brown gazelle.

Revuqüt ♂

meaning blue wolves.

Mogüsogli ♂

One of the most infamous clans of the Cuchaqs. They were on the smaller side, only two families under one Khan.

The blue wolves

There are various versions of who they were and what happened to them, but two versions are the most prevalent: variant one says that the Khan of the Mogüsogli had illicit relations with his daughters, using his own blood as a harem. In variant two it was the young sons of the families instead.

According to the legend the Clansmen sought to remove this stain from their honor through drastic measures. What truly happened isn't known, yet their final camp site remains as a ruin to this day - any traveler approaching being attacked by spectral green dogs sooner than later.

Military tactics ⚔

History ⚔

Invasion of Kaedwen ⚔

Between the year 900 and 1000, a few of the Clans united.

Having tired of the harassment of the Kilan, they wished for new hunting grounds away from their long-time enemy. The Baraq, Byawut, Keyyit and Orungüü Clans gathered their supplies and arms and used one of the secret passages through the Blue Mountains they knew to seek out a new home.



A kaedwen duchie being sacked

They soon arrived in a land already inhabited by Nordlings - Kaedwen. Since the riders fit the descriptions of Haklanders the Kaedweni had heard about they misidentified them as such, unaware they were Cuchaqs (a misconception the Cuchaqs never bothered to clear up).

The divided Kaedweni duchies stood no chance against the massive Horde, which they dubbed the *Faceless Horde* due to the masks many riders wore. The remaining duchies quickly sought to supplicate the invaders by offering riches and/or even pacts by marriage to the Khan leading

the Cuchaq force.

Between 1050 and 1100 the Cuchaq horde had been widdled down by guerilla tactics of local resistances and the duchies that still defied the invaders. The remnants of the horde were either killed or fled Kaedwen. To many, however, this was seen as a prelude - that the east harbored dangerous mounted warriors that would, one day, return and lay claim to the North. The ultimate fate of the clans that were part of the attack remains vague.

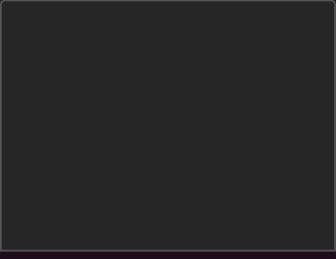
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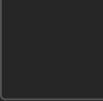
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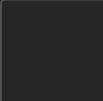
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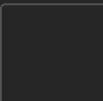
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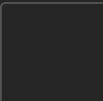
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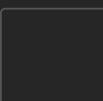
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